

H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that MERC-BLP supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

Identify, exchange, and promote the best practices of sustainable development across the Middle East region focus on raising awareness amongst decision-makers and various audiences on critical social, economic, urban, and environmental issues. We will promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, and demonstrate how businesses, and stakeholders can adopt these principles.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,



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